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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7165

BILL NUMBER: SB 374

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Harvesting Grasses along Highways.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to enter into leases of highway rights-of-way for which responsibility is assigned to the Department for the growth, maintenance, and harvesting of grasses or other plants that are suitable for processing into fuels or other energy products.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: INDOT currently has several, if not hundreds, of leases for many purposes. The requirements in this proposal likely will be managed as other current leases. The Department of Administration (DOA) manages all leases for INDOT. The specific impact will depend upon the complexity of the leases and the number of leases involved. The funds affected are the State Highway Fund (INDOT) and the state General Fund (DOA).

Explanation of State Revenues: INDOT and DOA must decide on the value of the highway rights-of-way and allow bidding for the lease. Revenues accruing to the INDOT will depend upon the determined value of the rights-of-way for the purposes outlined in the proposal.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: INDOT; DOA.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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